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Sir:

In re application of: Klaus Unsicker et al.

Entitled: NEUROPROTECTIVE PROPERTIES OF GDF-15, A NOVEL MEMBER OF THE TGF- $\beta$  SUPERFAMILY

Transmitted herewith is an **amendment** in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

- ☐ This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; a check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed per §1.17(e).  
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- ☒ In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of such extension.
- ☒ Other: Supportive References: Zhang et al., Yoo et al., Kazee et al., Kastner et al., Oliver et al., Nath et al., Yun et al., Verity et al., Perry et al., Thomas et al., and Jain et al.  
 Signed Supportive Declaration of inventor Klaus Unsicker

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.